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Shelling of the capital area subsides. Khmer Communist artillery units south of Phnom Penh have not followed up Saturday's pre-dawn howitzer bombardment of the capital and nearby Pochentong Airport. [redacted] in addition to the 90-100 howitzer rounds that impacted in the capital's southern and southwestern sectors, approximately 20 rounds hit near the airport.

Ground action on Phnom Penh's southwestern front picked up over the weekend as Khmer Communist assaults forced government units on the north bank of the Prek Thnaot River to fall back somewhat. Elsewhere, Cambodian Army troops have registered moderate gains in clearing operations along Route 1 and the Bassac River southeast of the capital. North of Phnom Penh, the situation around the government's oil storage facility at Prek Phnou has stabilized with the arrival

of Cambodian Army reinforcements. Government clearing operations in an area five miles northwest of Pochentong Airport are meeting increasingly stiff resistance, however.